

SPEALER LUEDTKE: Senator Bereuter, did you wish to speak again? Chair recognizes Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, I would ask a question of Senator Koch regarding his amendment, if he would yield. Senator Koch, in looking at the last sentence of your proposed amendment I noticed that the second word is "approval", "the approval and recommendations of the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee". If I understand that correctly, we would not be able to act on an appropriation which was inconsistent with your approved plan, is that correct?

SENATOR KOCH: The intent is that we would approve the plan as presented by that agency of government to us, and then we would recommend to the Appropriations Committee and you, in all finality you would be the one because you are the keeper of the purse, or the executor of the purse if you prefer that word. I felt your amendment, Senator Bereuter, was tokenism. Afterall, the Constitutional Revision and Games Committee, all bills are referred to that as relate to plans. We're not really talking about appropriations, that is still with you. We're saying the plan, like NORDA, would have come to us for our approval. Instead they picked each of us off and took us out for a fish dinner and sold us the NORDA plan. That plan would have been before our Committee, they would have told us exactly how it was designed to serve in terms of construction, maintenance and improvement, then we would have sent a recommendation to the Appropriations Committee in terms of what we thought the allocations of money should be.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Alright. Thank you, Senator Koch. One more question then. Very specifically, could we approve a project that was inconsistent with the plan that you sent us?

SENATOR KOCH: Certainly because you can allow so much money. We have to try to defend our position on the floor when the allocation came under your budget conditions.

SENATOR BEREUTER: What is the essence of the approval process? Why is it important to you?

SENATOR KOCH: Well it seemed to be important to you in 109 in terms of the fact that you wanted to approve their plans, they were in appropriations, and then advise us of your position on their plan. So I just merely reversed the procedure. If your procedure was good I think the one I'm offering is better and more proper.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Thank you Senator Koch. I appreciate your view on this. I'm sorry that you regard the amendments I offered as tokenism. They are not meant to be offered in that fashion, and were not offered in that fashion. I would remind the body and Senator Koch, and Senator Reutzel that we have responsibilities for capital construction for a wide variety of state agencies, including, in the case of the Game and Parks on Ft. Robinson, two separate agencies that are involved in capital construction, the Historical Society and the Game and Parks Commission. We have this information coming in to us, we have priorities to consider for all of the agencies and institutions that wish to involve themselves in capital construction. It seems to me that we are in the best position to know the various priorities of the state agencies, including the Game and Parks Commission, but at the same time to